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1. In Entional Intelligence Estimatos published in May 1955 (MIE 11-3-55) and March 1956 (MIE 11-56), the Intelligence Advisory Committee estimated that the USER had about 40 BISSE jet heavy bushers in operational units on 1 January 1956, and that it would probably have about 80 in operational units on 2 July 1956.

2. In a Entional Intelligence Estimate published in Angust 1956 (KIE 11-6-56), the Intelligence Advisory Counttee estimated that on 1 July 1956, the USSE had about 35 BISCHS in operational units. This dominant revision, from 80 previously estimated, resulted from new evidence indicating that BISCH production during the preceding year had been at a lower rate than previously estimated, in part because of production difficulties. The new estimate was also based on reports by

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